



FOREWORD

All Praise is due to Allah Ta'ala, The Forgiver and Concealer of faults, The Guide to Repentance, The One Who Responds to Prayers.

'Salaat and Salaam upon the Protector and Guide of the Believers, Sayyidina Muhammad (ﷺ), eternally.

This booklet is a transcription of one of Hazrat Maulana Yunus Patel Saheb's (Rahmatullahi 'alayh) comprehensive and unique Duas. The transcription is especially for those who make Du'aa in English.

Hazrat Maulana's beautiful, noble and distinguished style of Du'aa was appreciated by thousands throughout the world. Hundreds would endeavour to participate in such Duas during Ramadaan or when Hazrat Maulana was visiting the Haramayn Shareefayn. Thousands of others participated via Hazrat Maulana's website, by means of audio-streaming.

Whilst just a reading of Hazrat Maulana's Du'aa teaches one the manner of begging from Allah Ta'ala, Hazrat's sincere and deep-hearted Duas also brings about a transformation and a reformation within the heart.

Hazrat Maulana repeatedly mentioned that the best of Duas are the Duas of Rasulullah (ﷺ), which cover and encompass every need of every person. In fact, the Duas of Rasulullah (ﷺ) should form part of our daily supplications.

...Be the occasion 'Umrah, Hajj, or when in Madina Munawwarah, or the auspicious nights, or Eid, Hazrat Maulana's Duas extended to almost $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour...so beg from Allah Ta'ala as much as you can, for Allah Ta'ala is willing to accept our Duas.

May Allah Ta'ala grant acceptance to the humble effort made. May He make this booklet purely and solely for His Pleasure. May He make it a means of Taubah, guidance and inspiration to all readers, and may He make it a *Sadaqa-e-Jaariyah* (perpetual reward) for Hazrat Maulana, as well as for myself and all those who assisted in its publication. ...May Allah Ta'ala grant the ability to do what He loves and what He is pleased with – in word, deed and intention.

May Allah Ta'ala grant Hazrat Maulana the best of the Hereafter. (Aameen)

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**“WHEN MY SERVANTS ASK YOU
CONCERNING ME,
I AM INDEED CLOSE (TO THEM),
I LISTEN TO THE PRAYER OF EVERY
SUPPLICANT WHEN HE
CALLS ON ME...”**

[SURAH BAQARAH 2 : 186]

THE DU'AA OF THE AULIYA ALLAH...

Maulana Jalaluddeen Rumi (Raḥmatullah 'alayh) had very beautifully described the Duas and tears of his great Shaykh, Hazrat Shamsuddeen Tabrezi (Raḥmatullah 'alayh) in his acclaimed composition, The Mathnavi. He says therein:

"...Listen to the tears of the Auliya Allah¹. When my Spiritual guide, Hazrat Shamsuddeen Tabrezi cries, the effect of his sincerity and his pain causes the very heavens to also cry. And when my Shaykh cries out of his Great Divine Love, the very heavenly bodies tremble and shake. And our Shams Tabrezi prays in such humility and with such earnestness that the Grace of Allah comes towards such a broken heart which lays its complaints before Him, and grants it the honour of Divine acceptance."

Dear reader, if you have had the privilege of listening to the Du'aa of Hazrat Maulana Yunus Patel Saheb (Raḥmatullahi 'alayh), you too would attest to the above description of Maulana Jalaluddeen Rumi (Raḥmatullah 'alayh). The same would be said.

The following Du'aa of Hazrat Maulana should be made to Allah Ta'ala in the heart-rending, inspiring, and affecting manner that it should be read, for it to be truly appreciated.

(compiler)

¹ Auliya Allah : Friends of Allah

“Anyone amongst you whose doors of
Du’aa² have opened, in reality
the doors of blessings have opened
for him.”

“Du’aa is the weapon of a Believer,
the pillar of Deen and the Noor of the
heavens and earth.”

[AHAADEETH³]

² Du’aa: Supplication (Asking of Allah Ta’ala)

³ Ahaadeeth: Sayings of the Noble Prophet (ﷺ) .

DU'AA OF HAZRAT MAULANA YUNUS PATEL SAHEB (RA)

All Praise is due to Allah Ta'ala,
The Most Beneficent, The Most Merciful.

'Salaat and Salaam be upon our beloved Master,
the Rasul and Beloved of Allah Ta'ala, the Seal of
all Prophets and Mercy unto the Worlds -
Sayyidina Muhammad (ﷺ).

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, bestow mercy and blessings upon our beloved Rasul, Sayyidina Muhammad and upon his family, his companions, his children, his wives, and his offspring, his followers and everyone from amongst his Ummah.
- ◆ **O MOST MERCIFUL** of all those who show mercy. O the Helper of those who ask for help. O our Sustainer who is most Generous. O The Most Forgiving.
- ◆ **O EVER-LIVING AND EVER-SUSTAINING**, we beseech You for help, through Your Mercy.
- ◆ There is none worthy of worship beside Allah, the Most Tolerant, Most Generous. Glory be to Allah, Lord of the Great Throne (*Arsh*). All

praise is due to Allah, the Sustainer of the worlds. O Allah, we do seek all causes of the grant of Your Mercy and (we do seek) actions which will make certain Your Forgiveness, a full share of virtuous deeds and complete safety from sin. O Allah, let not a single sin of ours be left out from being forgiven; remove all our worries, and fulfil every need of ours which conforms to Your pleasure, O Most Merciful of all those who show Mercy.⁴

- ◆ **O OUR SUSTAINER**, we have wronged our souls. If You do not forgive us and bestow upon us Your Mercy, we shall certainly be from amongst the losers.⁵
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, forgive our sins.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, overlook our sins.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, conceal our sins.
- ◆ **O MY ALLAH**, how loving You are; how caring You are; how beautiful You are...

⁴ A Dua taught by Nabi (ﷺ), recited for the fulfilment of one's needs.

⁵ Surah A'raaf 7 : 23

- ◆ **O MY BELOVED ALLAH**, O my Raheeem Allah, O my Kareem Allah, O my Haleem⁶ Allah, O my Most Forgiving Allah, O my Most Loving, Caring Allah, O my most Compassionate Allah...

O ALLAH, we are unable to praise You as we should. You are as You have praised Yourself.

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, You dearly love the forgiveness of the sins of the sinners when they turn towards You in repentance.
- ◆ **O MY BELOVED ALLAH**, we are extending these hands of ours.

O MY ALLAH, they are the begging bowls which You have attached to our bodies, so that we may extend them before You during any part of the day and night, and seek from You.

O ALLAH, we are extending our begging bowls before **You**.

O ALLAH, we are not extending these hands before an idol which cannot see, which cannot

⁶ *Raheeem*: 'THE MOST MERCIFUL', *Kareem*: 'THE GENEROUS', *Haleem*: 'THE TOLERANT'. [These are from the Asmaa'ul Husna (Beautiful Names) of Allah Ta'ala.]

hear and which cannot avail us in anything. O Allah, our hands are extended before You, and You are All Seeing, All Hearing, All Knowing, All-Powerful...

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, You are the One who responds to the Duas of Your servants.

SEEKING FORGIVENESS

- ◆ **O MY ALLAH**, have mercy upon us. We are extremely sinful servants. Day and night, we have disobeyed You. We have used Your bounties and gifts for Your disobedience.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, we use the wealth that You have given, for Your disobedience.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, we have used the sight, the hearing and the speech that You have blessed us with, for Your disobedience.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, we have used the life which You have blessed us with, for Your disobedience.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, when we go to hospitals, we see some people paralyzed and some attached to different tubes and machines ...yet **O MY ALLAH**,

we do not take any lesson. We do not appreciate Your bounties.

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, Your bounties rain upon us 24 hours of the day.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, despite our sins, You are giving us so much to eat and so much to drink; You are giving us clothes to wear and modes of transport to travel in.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, You provide food, clothing and shelter for us.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, our lives are in Your Control.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, You keep our hearts, our kidneys, our livers, our lungs and our limbs functioning.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, You have granted us Imaan⁷, without any sacrifice, and yet we show no appreciation.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, in spite of our ungratefulness, in spite of our disobedience and sins, You continue to shower Your Bounties and Favours upon us.

⁷ *Imaan* : faith / belief

...If there was another Allah, He would have destroyed us by now; He would have shaken the earth beneath our feet; He would have ordered the earth to swallow us; He would have sent the wind to destroy us; He would have made us blind by now; He would have made us deaf and dumb by now; He would have paralyzed us by now – for we have indulged in so many sins.

...Although we know, O Allah, that for some people blindness, deafness, dumbness, paralysis and illnesses are tests and means of elevation of status, but O Allah, how difficult life would have become without these bounties.

O ALLAH, how Merciful You are, that You did not snatch away these gifts and You did not destroy us.

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, as great as is Your beautiful name, forgive us.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, open the floodgates of Your Rahmat⁸ and Forgiveness.

⁸ Rahmat : Mercy

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, if we have to ask, repeatedly, of human beings, they become annoyed, angry and displeased.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, if we have to ask of You, then You become happy and pleased. ...The more we beg of You, the more pleased You become.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, if we do not ask of You, You become displeased.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, it is not a shame; rather an honour and privilege to beg of You.
- ◆ **O MY BELOVED ALLAH**, the pious and the righteous come to You with their Ibaadat⁹, with their Tilawat¹⁰ and Zikr¹¹, with their piety and their good deeds.
- ◆ **ALLAH**, we come to You with our sins.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, our sins are like the mountains, but O Allah, we cannot despair of Your Mercy, for You have declared in the Qur'aan Shareef : *'Do not despair of the Mercy of Allah...'*¹²

⁹ *Ibaadat* : worship

¹⁰ *Tilawat* : recitation (of the Holy Qur'aan)

¹¹ *Zikr* : remembrance (of Allah Ta'ala)

¹² Surah Zumar 39 : 53

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, man has made dynamite sticks, which blow up huge mountains...
- O ALLAH** ...There is absolutely nothing difficult for You to blow away our mountains of sins.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, forgive our sins.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, we have made our hearts into dirt bins.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, we have filled our hearts with malice, with greed, with pride, with arrogance, with evil desires and passions...
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, evil desires and passions have engulfed our hearts.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, we watch so much of Haraam¹³, we listen to so much of Haraam, we speak so much of Haraam, we indulge in so much of Haraam, that our hearts have become dark and pitch black.
- ◆ **O MY BELOVED ALLAH**, a guest would not like to stay in a room in which there are dead bodies, dead cats and dead rats...

¹³ *Haraam* : Unlawful according to Shariah.

Then **O MY ALLAH**, how can You, Pure as You are, come into hearts like ours; filled with the filth of pride, jealousy, malice, greed and other corpses?

But **O ALLAH**, who is there to purify our hearts, beside You?¹⁴

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, if the world's waste goes into the waters of the oceans, the oceans still remain clean. ...One wave is sufficient to keep everything clean.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, when we make Wudhu¹⁵ with the waters of the oceans, our Wudhu is valid; if we have to take Ghusl¹⁶, that Ghusl will be valid.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, Your ocean of Forgiveness is much, much more than the oceans of this world. Just one drop from the ocean of Your Forgiveness is sufficient to wash away all our sins.

¹⁴ Allah Ta'ala says in the Noble Qur'aan: '**...AND WERE IT NOT FOR THE GRACE AND MERCY OF ALLAH ON YOU, NOT ONE OF YOU WOULD EVER HAVE BEEN PURE...**' [Surah Noor 24 : 21]

¹⁵ *Wudhu* : ablution

¹⁶ *Ghusl* : Washing the entire body in the Sunnah manner.

- ◆ **O MY ALLAH**, with one wave of Your Mercy, with one wave of Your Forgiveness, clean and purify us.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, even if our sins are more than the waves of the oceans, even if our sins are more than the grains of sand on earth, even if our sins are more than the leaves of the trees of the earth, even if our sins are more than the entire creation put together, then too Your Forgiveness is much, much, more than this.
- ◆ **O THE MERCIFUL**, have mercy upon us.
- ◆ **O THE FORGIVING**, forgive us.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, even if some dry crumbs are thrown to a dog, that dog becomes obedient to that master. ...That dog does not leave the door of its master.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, we have left Your door despite using so many of Your bounties and gifts. Our sight, our hearing, our speech, our intelligence are all ni'mats¹⁷ from You...¹⁸

¹⁷ *Ni'mats* : bounties

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, we have realized our mistake.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, we have realized our error and our sin.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, now we are turning towards You...
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, there is nothing else that makes us extend our hands, except that we are hopeful of Your Forgiveness.
- ◆ **O MY ALLAH**, Your beloved Nabi (ﷺ) informed us that something that is beloved to You, is the forgiveness of the sins of the sinners.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, You are Oft Forgiving, Merciful, You love to forgive, so forgive us.¹⁹
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, we are acknowledging and we are confessing before You. We are not justifying our sins.

¹⁸ Allah Ta'ala says in Surah Ibraheem [14 : 34]: "...AND IF YOU COUNT THE BLESSINGS OF ALLAH, YOU WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO ENUMERATE THEM..."

¹⁹ Special attention has been drawn, from the Ahaadeeth (narrations), to recite this during Laylatul Qadr (The Night of Power).

- ◆ **O MY ALLAH**, we may be sinful; we may be extremely sinful, but O Allah, we are Your servants. We are Your slaves.
- ◆ **O MY ALLAH**, whether we go east or west, whether we go north or south, whether we go deep down in the oceans or above the heavens, it is all Your Kingdom.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, we are repeatedly asking and begging of You; for there is no other door except Your door.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, if we leave You, where do we go? ...Who else is there for us, except You?
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, if we are going to become impatient and angry; if we are going to become displeased; if we are going to leave Your door, then O my Allah, which other door is there for us?
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, You are our *Rabb*²⁰; You are our *Khaaliq* (Creator), You are our *Maalik* (Master), You are our *Razzaaq* (Sustainer)...

²⁰ *Rabb* : Sustainer / Nourisher

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, if a dog is kicked from one butcher, it can go to another. If a beggar is chased from one home, he can go to another. ...But O my Allah, if You reject us, then where do we go?
- ◆ **ALLAH**, there is no one for us except You.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, do not turn away Your glance of Mercy because of our sins.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, if You turn away Your glance of Mercy, then there is nothing for us but destruction in this world, destruction in the Qabr²¹ and destruction in the Aakhirah²².
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, forgive the sins of our eyes; forgive the sins of our ears; forgive the sins of our tongues; forgive the sins of our hands and feet; forgive the sins of our hearts and minds...
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, forgive each and every sin that we have committed.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, one major sin that we have committed is that we have stopped inviting towards good

²¹ *Qabr* : Grave

²² *Aakhirah* : Hereafter

and we have stopped preventing people from doing that which is Haraam.

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, instead, we invite others to Haraam and we prevent them from doing good. O Allah, we consider evil deeds as good and we consider good deeds as evil.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, we do not want to go alone to Jahannum²³, so we pull others along with us. We invite them to zina²⁴, to drugs, to drink, to the rave clubs, to porn, to music, to casinos and to everything Haraam.
- ◆ **O MY ALLAH**, give us the realization that we are paving the way to our destruction and the destruction of others.
- ◆ **O MY ALLAH**, give each and every one of us the *Taufeeq*²⁵ of *'Amr bil Ma'roof and Nahy anil munkar'*²⁶ – within our homes, amongst our families, in our societies, and calling – one and all – towards the beautiful Deen of Islam.

²³ *Jahannum* : Hell

²⁴ *zina* : fornication / adultery

²⁵ *Taufeeq* : Divine assistance.

²⁶ *'Amr bil Ma'roof and nahy anil munkar'* : Enjoining what is good and forbidding what is evil.

- ◆ **O MY BELOVED ALLAH**, forgive our major sins and our minor sins; forgive the sins which we committed knowingly or unknowingly, in the light of day or darkness of night.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, there is no such thing as darkness for You. ...Even if there is a tiny, little black ant crawling on a black rock, in the darkest of the darkest of nights, You are aware of the movements of that ant.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, we were deceiving ourselves. ...We were fooling ourselves if we thought that no one was watching when we were indulging in sins.²⁷
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, do not seize us on account of our sins. Do not punish us on account of our sins.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, give us the *Taufeeq* of sincere *Taubah*²⁸.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, from the time we have become of age till now, many, many were the sins we committed. O Allah, You could have seized us

²⁷ Allah Ta'ala states in the Qur'aan Shareef : '**VERILY YOUR LORD IS EVER-WATCHFUL (OVER THEM).**' [Surah Al-Fajr 89 : 14]

²⁸ *Taubah* : repentance

the moment we committed sins, but how Kind, Merciful and Tolerant You are that You did not seize us.

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, forgive each and every one of us. Forgive our parents, our wives and children, our brothers and sisters, our family members and the entire Ummah²⁹ of Rasulullah³⁰ (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)³¹.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, do not cause any embarrassment to Your Beloved Rasul (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) because of our sins.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, You love to forgive, therefore forgive us.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, if You do not forgive us, then who do sinful ones like us turn to?
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, there is no one who can question Your Forgiveness for sinful ones like us, so forgive us.

²⁹ Ummah : followers

³⁰ Rasulullah : Messenger of Allah

³¹ (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) : May Allah Ta'ala send His choicest salutations and peace upon him.

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, if You forgive us, then You will become pleased, Your Beloved Rasul (ﷺ) will become pleased and we will become pleased. The only one who will remain displeased is shaytaan.

TAUFEEQ OF OBEDIENCE

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, we are so weak and so insincere that the slightest temptation and we return to zina, to porn magazines and porn websites, to music and to other Haraam...
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, give us that Yaqeen³² that You are watching us³³ and that You are aware of our every action.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, give us the courage and the strength of lions against nafs³⁴ and shaytaan³⁵.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, nafs and shaytaan do not want us to taste the enjoyment and the sweetness of Imaan.

³² *Yaqeen* : conviction

³³ Allah Ta'ala states: "...AND HE IS WITH YOU WHERESOEVER YOU MAY BE..." [Surah Hadeed 57 : 4]

³⁴ *nafs* : the ego

³⁵ *shaytaan* : satan / the devil

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, they do not want us to come anywhere close to You because they know that if we do, we will shun all sins.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, remove the love of sins from our hearts.
- ◆ **O MY ALLAH**, put the hatred of sins into our hearts.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, put the hatred of adultery and fornication; the hatred of interest and fraud; the hatred of gambling, the hatred of music and television, and the hatred of every sin into our hearts.
- ◆ **O MY ALLAH**, put the love of good deeds into our hearts.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, put the love of Salaah³⁶, the love of Zikr, the love of Tilawat, the love of fasting and the love of serving mankind into our hearts.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, give us the Taufeeq of performing Salaah, 5 times a day, in Jamaat³⁷, in the

³⁶ *Salaah* : Prayer, performed 5 times a day.

³⁷ *Jamaat* : congregation

Masjid³⁸ - as far as possible, for the men; and for the women, in their homes.

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, give us the Taufeeq of giving Zakaat, of fasting in the month of Ramadaan³⁹, of going for Hajj, if Fardh⁴⁰.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, give us the Taufeeq of fulfilling the rights of our parents, the rights of our children, the rights of our family members, the rights of our neighbours, and the rights of the Ummah of Rasulullah (ﷺ).
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, give us the Taufeeq of fulfilling the rights of Muslims and non-Muslims.
- ◆ **O MY BELOVED ALLAH**, give us the Taufeeq to deal honestly in our businesses.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, give us the realization that we have to bring the whole of Deen into our lives.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, protect us from wastage and Israaf⁴¹.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, protect us from abuse of Your ni'mats.

³⁸ *Masjid* : mosque

³⁹ *Ramadaan*: 9th month of the Islamic Calendar & month of fasting

⁴⁰ *Fardh* : Obligatory.

⁴¹ *Israaf*: extravagance

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, give us the Taufeeq of appreciating and being grateful for Your bounties and favours upon us.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, give Hidayat⁴² to everyone.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, we want to become Your Walis⁴³.
...How long are we going to remain the friends of nafs and shaytaan?
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, how long are we going to walk on the earth as hypocrites?
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, make us from among Your sincere servants.

REFORMATION AND PURIFICATION

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, our hearts have become diseased.
- ◆ **O MY BELOVED ALLAH**, just as arteries become clogged and the heart does not function properly, in the same way, our spiritual arteries have become blocked with sins.

⁴² *Hidayat* : guidance

⁴³ *Walis* : Friends (of Allah Ta'ala)

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, when man undertakes heart transplants, then what is it difficult for You to transplant a strong and healthy spiritual heart?
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, bless us with hearts filled with the Noor⁴⁴ of Taqwa⁴⁵, with the Noor of Zikr and Tilawat and with Tawakkul⁴⁶ in You.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, clean and purify our hearts.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, purify our hearts of all the evil and filth that is embedded in our hearts.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, purify our hearts of malice, of jealousy, of greed, of pride, of arrogance, of riyaa⁴⁷, of evil desires and passions.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, bless us with complete purification of our souls.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, man has become tired of sinning. ...So tired that he is committing suicide.

⁴⁴ *Noor* : Spiritual effulgence

⁴⁵ *Taqwa* : Piety

⁴⁶ *Tawakkul* : Trust

⁴⁷ *riyaa* : ostentation / show

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, sins have not brought us any good. ...A little while of pleasure and then restlessness, depression, pain and anxiety.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, bring into our hearts the realization that sins bring nothing but restlessness and problems. And give us the courage to rid our lives of all evils.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, give us the Taufeeq to shun sins from our lives.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, drench us in the rains of Your Raḥmat.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, we have foolishly put over our heads, umbrellas of sins, which are depriving us of the rains of Your Raḥmat.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, we want Raḥmat and Barakah⁴⁸ to come into our lives, into our homes and into our businesses, but O Allah, how can Raḥmat and Barakah come when there is so much of Haraam preventing it.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, give us the Taufeeq to throw out of our homes, the televisions, the filthy magazines, the filthy and indecent novels and

newspapers, and all the other evils that we have filled our homes with, causing so much of spiritual harm and destruction.

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, give us the Taufeeq of giving up all sins.
- ◆ **O MY ALLAH**, attach us firmly to You.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, when we stick two pages together with glue and we want to separate these pages, the pages will not separate. They will tear apart but they will not separate...

O ALLAH, let us as have such a strong bond with You, that when nafs and shaytaan want to separate us from You, we will allow our hearts to tear, but we will not allow our hearts to separate from You.

- ◆ **O MY BELOVED ALLAH**, become ours and make us Yours.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, if You are ours, then everything is ours; and if You are not ours, then nothing is ours.

BLESSINGS AND BOUNTIES

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, bless us all with long life so that we may accumulate the maximum amount of good deeds.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, bless us with good health; bless us with prosperity; bless us with happiness; bless us with contentment; bless us with Zuhd⁴⁹, with Sabr⁵⁰ and Shukr⁵¹; bless us with a life of Taqwa; bless us with Your Ma'rifat⁵², bless us with Your Yaqeen...
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, bless us with Your Muhabbat⁵³ and the Muhabbat of Rasulullah (ﷺ).
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, bless us with Istiqaamat⁵⁴. Bless us with steadfastness in our Imaan.
- ◆ **O CONTROLLER OF HEARTS**, make our hearts firm on Your Deen.

⁴⁹ *Zuhd* : ascetism

⁵⁰ *Sabr* : patience

⁵¹ *Shukr* : gratitude

⁵² *Ma'rifat* : Recognition

⁵³ *Muhabbat* : Love

⁵⁴ *Istiqaamat* : steadfastness

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, bless us with solid Imaan. Bless us with the Taufeeq of A'maal-e-Sawleha, of righteous deeds.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, bless us with Ittiba⁵⁵ of Rasulullah (ﷺ).
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, grant us the Taufeeq of following the Sunnah of Rasulullah (ﷺ).
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, bless us with the best of Dunya⁵⁶ and the best of Aakhirah.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, give us such a bond with You that nafs and shaytaan cannot distance us from You.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, make us the fish that swim deep down in the ocean of Your Ma'rifat.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, grant us such sincere love for You, that we place You before everyone and everything else.

FREEDOM FROM DEBTS

- ◆ **O MY KAREEM ALLAH**, remove the problems of those who are in financial difficulties.

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, all those who are in debts, provide for them plentiful of Halaal⁵⁷ rizq⁵⁸ so that they may get themselves out of their debts.
- ◆ **O MY ALLAH** ...Why should we go towards Haraam, when there is no shortage of Your Treasures of Halaal?
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, You are our Provider; You are our Sustainer.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, You provide for the birds; You provide for the fish deep down in the oceans; You provide for the animals in the jungles and You provide for us also...
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, then why should we steal? ...Why should we get involved in fraud and embezzlement? ...Why should we borrow from banks on interest⁵⁹?

⁵⁵ *Ittiba* : to follow / following

⁵⁶ *Dunya* : the material world

⁵⁷ *Halaal* : lawful

⁵⁸ *rizq* : sustenance

⁵⁹ Interest is such a **major** sin in the sight of Allah Ta'ala that He declares war with that person who does not give it up. "**O THOSE WHO BELIEVE FEAR ALLAH AND GIVE UP WHAT STILL REMAINS OF THE 'RIBA' (INTEREST) IF YOU ARE BELIEVERS. BUT IF YOU DO NOT, THEN LISTEN TO THE DECLARATION OF WAR FROM ALLAH AND HIS MESSENGER...**" [Surah Baqarah 2 : 278/ 279]

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, our homes are on interest; our carpets are on interest; our cars are on interest; our clothing is on interest; our shoes are on interest...

O MY ALLAH, where can Raḥmat then descend?

- ◆ **O MY BELOVED ALLAH**, give us that realization that Raḥmat cannot come until we get rid of Haraam from our lives.
- ◆ **O MY ALLAH**, bless us with plenty of Halaal rizq and sustenance, and get us out of all debts we may be in.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, grant us Barakah in our rizq and provide for us from sources unknown to us.

CURE FROM SICKNESS

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, we are spiritually sick and we are physically sick.
- ◆ **O MY ALLAH**, so many of our brothers and sisters, old and young, are sick and ailing. They are in hospitals. Some are in nursing homes and old-age homes.

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, grant shifa⁶⁰ to those who are sick and ailing.
- ◆ **O MY BELOVED ALLAH**, shifa is in Your hands.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, we know that there is effect in Du'aa and there is effect in medication, but O Allah, shifa is in Your hands.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, we know that sometimes sickness is a Raḥmat and a blessing in a disguised form, but we are extremely weak.
- ◆ **O MY ALLAH**, even if such sickness is a Raḥmat... change it to the Raḥmat of good health.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, we know that most of our sicknesses, depression and anxieties are because of our sins.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, grant us shifa from all sicknesses and ailments – physical and spiritual.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, bless us with physical health and spiritual health.

⁶⁰ *shifa* : cure

GUIDANCE FOR CHILDREN

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, there are so many parents complaining that their children have become a curse for them - their children are in drugs, drink and all kinds of vices.
- ◆ **O MY ALLAH**, children are back-answering and swearing their parents. Children are neglecting their parents. ...Children are even kicking their parents; strangling their parents; murdering their parents...
- ◆ **O MY BELOVED ALLAH**, have mercy upon us.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, give us the realization that we are the cause of their destruction.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, we are the ones providing them with those sources which lead to Haraam.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, we brought the evil television into our homes; we bring the filthy movies into our homes; we bring the filthy magazines and filthy literature into our homes. We give them everything that leads them to vice dens.

...We do not give them Deen. We do not give them the Majaalis⁶¹ of the Ahlullah⁶². We do not give them the Majaalis of the pious and the righteous. We do not let them sit in the Majaalis of Nasihat⁶³, Da'wah⁶⁴ and Ta'leem⁶⁵.

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, give us this understanding.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, those children who have landed in sins, and they are involved in drugs, drink, zina and other evils, grant them the Taufeeq of sincere Taubah and repentance.
- ◆ **O MY BELOVED ALLAH**, guide all those children back onto Siratul Mustaqeem⁶⁶. ...**O ALLAH**, nothing is difficult for You.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, protect our youth.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, make our youth, assets for our community.

⁶¹ *Majaalis* : gatherings

⁶² *Ahlullah* : People of Allah

⁶³ *Nasihah* : Advice

⁶⁴ *Da'wah* : Invitation (to Deen)

⁶⁵ *Ta'leem* : Teaching (of Deen)

⁶⁶ *Siratul Mustaqeem* : The Straight Path

DU`AA FOR OTHERS

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, those who are suffering depression, give them happiness and joy.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, those who are poor, give them wealth.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, those who are weak, give them strength.
- ◆ **O MY BELOVED ALLAH**, bless those who have no children, with pious and righteous children.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, those who have children, make their children the coolness of their eyes.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, make our children obedient to You and Your Rasul⁶⁷ (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ), and obedient to their parents.
- ◆ **O MY ALLAH**, remove the problems of all those who are suffering any difficulty and problem.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, bless those brothers and sisters who are looking for marriage partners, with good and righteous marriage partners, who will be an assistance to their Deen.

⁶⁷ *Rasul* : Messenger

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, put love between husbands and wives, parents and children, brothers and sisters.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, unite the hearts of brothers and sisters, of parents and children, of husbands and wives, and of the entire Ummah.

FITNAHS⁶⁸

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, fitnahs are lashing us – from our right, from our left, from behind us and from in front of us; from the satellites above us.
- ◆ **O MY BELOVED ALLAH**, protect us from the storms of fitnahs.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, protect us from the fitnahs of this world and the next.
- ◆ **O MY BELOVED ALLAH**, where do we go? ...If You do not protect us and save us, who else is there for us?
- ◆ **O MY ALLAH**, to whom do we turn? ...Who is there for us beside You?

⁶⁸ *Fitnahs* : Trials (also implies corruptions, mischief, etc.)

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, the fitnahs have entered our homes; the fitnahs have entered our schools and colleges; the fitnahs have entered our Muslim schools; the fitnahs have entered our bazaars and market places; the fitnahs have entered our Madaaris and Masaajid⁶⁹; the fitnahs have entered the Haramain Sharifain⁷⁰...
 - ◆ **O MY ALLAH**, we can hear cell phones, with musical tones⁷¹ even in front of the Raudha Mubarak⁷² of Nabi (ﷺ), and in front of the Ka'batullah...
- O ALLAH**, filthy music can be heard a few metres away from the Raudha of my beloved Rasul (ﷺ) ...just a few metres from the Mubarak Dome of my beloved Rasul (ﷺ)'s resting-place...
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, protect Makkah Shareef and Madina Shareef from all fitnahs.

⁶⁹ *Masaajid* : Mosques

⁷⁰ *Haramain Sharifain*: Holy Mosques of Makkah and Madina Shareef.

⁷¹ Nabi (ﷺ) said: **"My Rabb has commanded me to destroy all musical instruments..."** and **"Music sprouts hypocrisy in the heart as rain sprouts plants."**

⁷² *Raudha Mubarak*: Blessed Garden (reference to the blessed grave of Nabi (ﷺ))

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, protect Masjid-e-Aqsa⁷³.

SACRIFICES OF NABI (ﷺ)

- ◆ **O MY ALLAH**, Rasulullah (ﷺ)'s concern at all times, was nothing but the Ummah.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, he wanted to see all enter Jannat.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, Rasulullah (ﷺ) made Du'aa for the Ummah, day and night.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, my beloved Nabi (ﷺ)... How many sacrifices he made for us...
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, he used to stand the entire night in prayer, until his feet swelled.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, filth was thrown on him, intestines were thrown on his back when he went into *Sajda*⁷⁴, thorns were placed in his path...
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, his beloved, little daughter, Faatima, used to ask him: *'O my father, why are they doing this to you?'*

⁷³ *Masjid-e-Aqsa* : The Mosque in Jerusalem, from where the 'Mi'raj (Ascension) of Nabi (ﷺ) took place.

⁷⁴ *Sajda* : prostration

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, he was stoned in Taif⁷⁵, at Uhud⁷⁶....

O ALLAH, he was stoned so much that his shoes became filled with his Mubarak blood. He was hurt and injured so many times.

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, when the blood of Your Beloved (ﷺ), of my Beloved, of the Beloved of the Ummah, oozed... then how the angels must have witnessed that?

But for the sake of Your precious Deen and his love for mankind, his blood was allowed to flow.

- ◆ **O MY ALLAH**, when he went into *Sajda* and cried for us, the Musallah⁷⁷ used to become wet with his tears...
- ◆ **O MY BELOVED ALLAH**, my beloved Nabi (ﷺ) was boycotted and ostracized for three solid years with his family. ...The time came when they had to chew leather to survive,

⁷⁵ *Taif*: City near Makkah Shareef, in Saudi Arabia

⁷⁶ *Uhud*: In reference to the Battle of Uhud. 'Uhud' is the name of a mountain of Madina Shareef.

⁷⁷ *Musallah*: place of prayer.

when they had to chew the leaves of trees to survive...

- ◆ **O MY ALLAH**, he was *Raḥmatul-lil-'Aalameen*⁷⁸. He dearly loved this Ummah.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, even in his last moments, there was nothing but the concern for his Ummaties⁷⁹.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, in the Aakhirah, he will not wish to enter Jannat⁸⁰ until his Ummaties enter Jannat.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, for the sake of the Ummah, how much he was troubled, and how many sacrifices were made...
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, we show no appreciation for his sacrifices.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, even his companions made so many sacrifices to convey Deen to the corners of the globe... but O Allah, we show no appreciation.

⁷⁸ *Raḥmatul-lil'Alameen* : Mercy for all the Worlds

⁷⁹ *Ummaties* : followers

⁸⁰ *Jannat* : Paradise

OUR INGRATITUDE

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, that Ummah, for whom so many sacrifices were made; today that Ummah is found in discos, in cinemas, in theatres, in casinos, on porn sites, reading filthy magazines and novels, watching porn movies, in adultery and fornication, in theft, in fraud, in rape and in other crimes.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, a large number from the Ummah do not have Salaah in their lives; a large number do not have Zakaat⁸¹, fasting and Hajj⁸² in their lives.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, the beautiful way of life that Rasulullah (ﷺ) left for us, has been forsaken by us and by our family members.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, Nabi (ﷺ)'s teachings are nowhere to be seen in our homes, in our businesses and in our dealings with people.

⁸¹ *Zakaat* : An obligatory duty, due upon those who have a certain amount of wealth, to give to the poor and needy. This is a pillar of Islam.

⁸² *Hajj* : Pilgrimage to Makkah Shareef. This is the 5th Pillar of Islam.
(Details of Zakaat and Hajj are found in books of Jurisprudence)

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, when Your Nabi (ﷺ) is informed: *'That Ummah for whom so much of your blood was shed; that Ummah for whom you cried so much ...that Ummah has no concern for your blood and your tears...'* **O ALLAH**, then how much of pain and injury we must be causing to Your Beloved Nabi (ﷺ)...
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, even in his Mubarak city, we do not give up sins. Just a few metres from the resting-place of Rasulullah (ﷺ), in hotels and homes, the filthiest of films can be viewed, the filthiest magazines and newspapers can be read...
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, just a few metres from his Raudha Mubarak and a few metres from the Ka'batullah⁸³, in the foyers and rooms of hotels and in homes, the filthiest music can be heard, and the filthiest television programmes can be watched....
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, those very things which were hated in his sight, those very things which he disliked

⁸³ *Ka'batullah* : First house for worship (of Allah Ta'ala) on earth. Also the present structure on the ground, and the direction in which Muslims face during Salaah.

and abhorred, those are the things which have become beloved in our sight...

- ◆ **O MY BELOVED ALLAH**, the cause of Rasulullah (ﷺ)'s pain and injury in his time were the Mushrikeen⁸⁴, the Yahud⁸⁵ and the Munafiqeen⁸⁶. O Allah, but today, we, who are the claimants of Your Ishq⁸⁷ and the Ishq of Rasulullah (ﷺ), are the cause of pain and injury to Your Beloved Rasul (ﷺ).
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, that Ummah for whom Rasulullah (ﷺ) shed so much of his blood, for whom the blood of the Sahabah⁸⁸ (رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ)⁸⁹ was shed, that Ummah for whom so many sacrifices were made... O Allah, that Ummah has become 'Yateem'⁹⁰.

There is no one to pass a hand of affection and love over their heads anymore. Even the Muslims are unconcerned about the plight of so

⁸⁴ *mushrikeen* : polytheists

⁸⁵ *Yahud* : Jews

⁸⁶ *Munafiqeen* : Hypocrites

⁸⁷ *Ishq* : Intense love

⁸⁸ *Sahabah* : The companions of Rasulullah (ﷺ) .

⁸⁹ (رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمْ): 'May Allah be pleased with them.'

⁹⁰ 'yateem': 'orphaned'

many brothers and sisters around the world – in Palestine, Afghanistan, Iraq, in Somalia, Sudan and in other parts of Africa, in Kashmir, India, Chechniya, Kosova, Bosnia, and in so many other parts of the world.

THE SUFFERING OF THE UMMAH

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, Islam has not become weak. We have become weak.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, we know that we are suffering because of our sins.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, You sent the Qur`aan Shareef for our guidance.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, Rasulullah (ﷺ) left us His beautiful Sunnah^{91,92}
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, we know that we have distanced ourselves from the Qur`aan and Sunnah and as a result we are suffering everywhere in the world.

⁹¹ *Sunnah*: The practice Nabi (ﷺ) and his noble companions (RA)

⁹² Rasulullah (ﷺ) said: “I leave with you two things; as long as you hold fast to them both, you will never be misguided – the Book of

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, just as Rasulullah (ﷺ) predicted⁹³, the enemies of Islam are calling one another to join in devouring the Ummah. But O Allah, You are our Protector.
- ◆ **O MY KAREEM ALLAH**, the enemies of Islam have ganged up against the Muslims. Even Muslim governments have joined their alliances and coalition.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, the enemies of Islam have become one and we, who are the Ummaties of Rasulullah (ﷺ) are becoming more and more divided and disunited.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, we have brought more destruction upon the Ummah than even the enemies of Islam.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, with our deeds and actions, we have been the means of the destruction of the Ummah. The enemies only came to destroy whatever was left...

Allah and the Sunnah of His Rasul (Messenger)."

⁹³ Rasulullah (ﷺ) said : 'A time will come when the enemies of Islam will invite each other, just as people are invited towards meals, in order to annihilate you.'

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, unite the entire Ummah.
- ◆ **O MY BELOVED ALLAH**, guide the enemies of Islam. Bless them with Imaan and Islam.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, bless them like how You blessed the Sahabah-e-Kiraam⁹⁴ and others with Imaan and Islam.

...But **O ALLAH**, if they have become obstinate and they have made up their minds that they are not going to accept Your beautiful Deen, and they are planning the destruction of the Muslim Ummah – the destruction of Muslim lives, homes, property and economy, then O Allah, You are the best of Planners⁹⁵.

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, You are the same Allah who was present in Badr, at Uhud⁹⁶, at Fath-e-Makkah⁹⁷...
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, You have not become weak. We have become weak.

⁹⁴ *Sahaba-e-Kiraam*: The noble companions of Nabi (ﷺ)

⁹⁵ ‘...THEY (THE DISBELIEVERS) PLOT AND PLAN, AND ALLAH TOO PLANS, BUT THE BEST OF PLANNERS IS ALLAH.’ [Surah Anfal 8 : 30]

⁹⁶ *Badr and Uhud* : Reference is made to the battles that took place at these sites.

⁹⁷ *Fath-e-Makkah* : The Conquest of Makkah Shareef.

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, Just as You sent the ababeel⁹⁸ and destroyed Abraha⁹⁹ and his forces, which had set out to destroy the Ka'bah Shareef.... **O ALLAH**, send disaster against these forces who are out to destroy the Ummah.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, send floods and destroy them.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, send gale-force winds against the enemies
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, shake the ground beneath their feet.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, cause their ships to sink
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, cause their planes to crash.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, create division and disunity in their ranks.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, make them fight amongst themselves.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, fill their hearts with terror and fear.

⁹⁸ *Ababeel* : Birds of a unique specie, who, with pebbles in their beaks and feet, were the means of the destruction of Abraha and his forces.

⁹⁹ *Abraha* : A Governor of Yemen who set out to destroy the Ka'bah Shareef. Allah Ta'ala destroyed him and his army. The story is related in the Holy Qur'aan in the chapter entitled 'The Elephant'.

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, humiliate the enemies. Crush the enemies.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, destroy them like how You destroyed the ‘Aad¹⁰⁰ and the *Thamud*¹⁰¹.
- ◆ **O MY BELOVED ALLAH**, send Your angels and assist and help the Mujahideen¹⁰² of Islam.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, give the stones which they throw, the power of atom bombs.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, wherever in the world the Muslim Ummah is suffering, come to our assistance.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, bombs are being rained upon innocent women, children and civilians.
- ◆ **O MY ALLAH**, homes are being bulldozed.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, aid the Mujahideen and our brothers and sisters in Palestine, Afghanistan, India, Kashmir, Iraq, Somalia, Sudan and other parts

¹⁰⁰ *‘Aad* : A nation of the past, who rejected the message of their Prophet, Hazrat Hud (‘Alaihis Salaam). They were a stubborn people who were finally destroyed by a fierce wind.

¹⁰¹ *Thamud* : A nation of the past who rejected the message of their Prophet, Hazrat Sawleh (AS). They were an unjust and proud people and were finally destroyed by an earthquake.

¹⁰² *Mujahideen* : Those striving in the path of Allah Ta’ala.

of Africa; in Bosnia, Chechniya, Kosova and in other parts of the world where they are facing tyranny and oppression.

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, those who have been imprisoned unjustly, find a way out for their release.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, their “crime”, in the eyes of these merciless enemies, is nothing except that they have tried to spread Your Deen. ...Their “sin” is nothing except that they say ‘*La-ilaaha Illallaah*’¹⁰³.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, remove the difficulties and trials of the Ummah.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, we are going through very, very, difficult and trying times. It has become very difficult to even protect our Imaan.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, protect our Imaan.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, protect each and every one of us. Protect the entire Ummah.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, change the conditions of adversity, to conditions of prosperity.

¹⁰³ *La-ilaaha Illallaah* : There is none worthy of worship except Allah

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, change the condition of fear, to that of peace and security.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, change the condition of the Ummah.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, restore the dignity and honour of the Muslim Ummah.
- ◆ **O MY BELOVED ALLAH**, have mercy upon the Ummah of Nabi¹⁰⁴ (ﺻﻠﻰ ﺍﻟﻠﻪ ﻋﻠﻴﻪ ﻭﺳﻠﻢ); forgive the Ummah of Nabi (ﺻﻠﻰ ﺍﻟﻠﻪ ﻋﻠﻴﻪ ﻭﺳﻠﻢ); shower Your Rahmat upon the Ummah of Nabi (ﺻﻠﻰ ﺍﻟﻠﻪ ﻋﻠﻴﻪ ﻭﺳﻠﻢ); overlook the sins and weaknesses and shortcomings of the Ummah of Nabi (ﺻﻠﻰ ﺍﻟﻠﻪ ﻋﻠﻴﻪ ﻭﺳﻠﻢ).
- ◆ **OUR SUSTAINER**, lay not on us a burden greater than we have the strength to bear. Blot out our sins, and grant us forgiveness; have mercy on us. You are our Protector; help us against the disbelieving people. ¹⁰⁵

DEATH AND THE HEREAFTER

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, we know how sinful we are. ...O Allah, do not expose our sins.

¹⁰⁴ *Nabi* : Prophet

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, Out of Your Fadhl¹⁰⁶, Ihsaan¹⁰⁷ and Rahmat, You have concealed so many of our sins.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, do not bring upon us any kind of disgrace, in this world, in the Qabr and in the Aakhirah.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, what an embarrassment that will be, on the Day of Qiyaamah, when, in front of billions, someone will rise committing zina, someone will rise stealing... because a person will die as he lived, and he will rise, on the Day of Qiyaamah, as he died.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, then billions of ummaties will watch and will be witness to our sins.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, what embarrassment to Rasulullah (ﷺ) when his ummaties will rise in the condition of sin.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, on the Day of Qiyaamah¹⁰⁸, do not let us be an embarrassment to my beloved Rasul (ﷺ).

¹⁰⁵ Surah Baqarah 2 : 286

¹⁰⁶ *Fadhl* : grace

¹⁰⁷ *Ihsaan* : favour

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, what has become of the Ummah...?
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, the followers of Rasulullah (ﷺ) used to die on the plains of Jihaad¹⁰⁹, they used to die while reciting the Qur'aan Shareef, or when reading the Tahajjud¹¹⁰ Salaah, or in Awwabeen¹¹¹ and Chaast¹¹², or when engaged in Your Zikr and Ibaadat, or in a state that was not displeasing to You and Your Rasul (ﷺ)...

...**O ALLAH**, his true followers never died in Haraam places. O Allah, now so many are dying in Haraam places.

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, give us the realization that death can strike suddenly - anywhere, anytime, any place...
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, we have to face You. We have to stand before You; we have to answer for our deeds and actions.

¹⁰⁸ *Day of Qiyaamah* : Day of Resurrection

¹⁰⁹ *Jihaad* : Striving in the path of Allah Ta'ala.

¹¹⁰ *Tahajjud*: the greatest of nafl (optional) prayers which is preferably performed in the latter portion of the night.

¹¹¹ *Awwabeen*: A nafl (optional) prayer, performed after the evening prayer.

¹¹² *Chaast*: A nafl prayer, performed in the late morning, before noon.

- ◆ **O MY ALLAH**, when a person is arrested, he covers his face. When he is being led to the court, he covers his face. He does not want human beings to see his face...
- ◆ **O MY ALLAH**, sinful ones like us, criminals like us... O Allah, on the Day of Qiyaamah, in front of billions of other Ummaties, do not cause any embarrassment and shame to come upon us.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, we brag about our sins. Our men advertise their sins. Our women advertise their sins. Shame and Hayaa¹¹³ has left us. Hayaa has left our women and our children...
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, we do not feel the slightest shame that pictures of our men and women appear in newspapers – at cinemas, in clubs, casinos and at other Haraam places and functions.
- ◆ **O MY ALLAH**, if Nabi (ﷺ) had to be living amongst us and was shown such pictures, what would he have thought of us?
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, give us the Taufeeq to realize that sins should create shame, regret and remorse in our hearts.

- ◆ **O ALLAH, one day we have to die and leave this world.**
- ◆ **O ALLAH, don't let our death be in any kind of sin.**
- ◆ **O ALLAH, we do not know where, and when and how we are going to die; then how can we be engaged in sins?**
- ◆ **O ALLAH, Don't let the angel of death visit anyone of us when we are popping drugs into our mouths, or when we have a bottle of liquor in our hands, or when we are in a casino or an escort agency, or in adultery and fornication, or watching some filthy movie or reading a filthy novel or magazine.**
- ◆ **O ALLAH, what kind of embarrassment and shame our families will have to suffer, and the Ummah will have to suffer. ...As it is, so many deaths are taking place in escort agencies, in prostitute quarters...**

◆ **O ALLAH**, so many deaths are taking place in discos, cinemas, theatres and other Haraam venues.

◆ **O MY ALLAH**, protect us.

◆ **O MY ALLAH**, our souls will be extracted from every part of our bodies.

Dust and sand will be thrown over us.

We will be left alone.

After we are conveyed to our graves, we will journey alone. The only thing that will be the light of our graves will be A'maal-e-Sawleha¹¹⁴.

◆ **O ALLAH**, the gardens of Jannat will be made available for us if we have pleased You.

◆ **O ALLAH**, make our graves, gardens from the gardens of Jannat.

◆ **O ALLAH**, do not let our graves be pits from the fire of Hell.

◆ **O ALLAH**, we have got no capital of good deeds.

¹¹⁴ *A'maal-e-Sawleha* : Righteous deeds.

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, we have not built our home of the Aakhirah.
- ◆ **O MY ALLAH**, give us the Taufeeq of doing that which is pleasing to You.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, before we leave this world, give us the Taufeeq of sincere Taubah.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, we read and learn the masaa`il¹¹⁵ of *mayyit*¹¹⁶. We learn the masaa`il of ghusl¹¹⁷ and kafan¹¹⁸. We have given ghusl and kafan to so many. We have seen the Janazas¹¹⁹ of so many. We have shouldered so many Janazas. We have buried so many with our own hands. We have seen our parents, our family members, our brothers and sisters of the Ummah leave, but it does not create any stir in our hearts.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, we have to go the same way. ...Our homes will remain behind; our buildings and businesses will remain behind, our beautiful

¹¹⁵ *masaa`il* : rules

¹¹⁶ *mayyit* : the deceased.

¹¹⁷ *ghusl* : Washing the body [of the deceased (in this context)].

¹¹⁸ *Kafan* : shroud of the deceased.

¹¹⁹ *Janazas* : biers.

cars will remain behind; our wives and children will remain behind...

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, our clothes will be removed from our bodies. ...If they were tight fitting, then scissors will be used to cut through those clothes. ...Rings will be removed from fingers. Watches and even false teeth will be removed.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, our tongues which cause so much of pain and injury to people will be silenced.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, our hands which cause so much of pain and injury will move no more.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, our feet will move no more.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, those eyes which enjoyed the filthy films, the filthy magazines, the filthy novels and the filthy porn sites on the Internet, will be able to see no more. Those eyes will then see the angels.
- ◆ **O MY ALLAH**, if we spent our lives indulging in sins, the angels of Azaab¹²⁰ will be seen.

¹²⁰ Azaab : punishment

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, before the time of death arrives, grant us the Taufeeq of sincere Taubah.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, don't let us leave this world until we have become Your Walis – Your friends, and the true and sincere lovers of Rasulullah (ﷺ).
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, before the ghusl of mayyit is given to us, give us the Taufeeq of the ghusl of Taubah.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, before we are given the kafan that will cover our bodies, grant us the Taufeeq of putting the garment of Taqwa over our hearts.
- ◆ **O MY ALLAH**, when the time of our death comes, take us to Madina Shareef¹²¹, bless us with Shahadat¹²² in Madina Shareef, at the Raudha of my Beloved Rasul (ﷺ), with 'As-*'Salaatu was-Salaamu 'alaika, ya Rasulullah'*¹²³ on our lips.

¹²¹ *Shareef*: sacred

¹²² *Shahadat*: martyrdom

¹²³ *'As-'Salaatu was-Salaamu 'alaika ya-Rasulullah.'* means: Mercy and peace be upon you, O Messenger of Allah (This is a form of greeting Rasulullah (ﷺ) when visiting his grave in Madina Shareef).

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, let our burial be in Jannatul Baqi¹²⁴ and if this is not in our muqaddar¹²⁵, then O Allah, let our death be a death of barkat¹²⁶.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, we are asking for death in Madina Shareef and burial in Jannatul Baqi so that when the winds of Raḥmat blow over Jannatul Baqi, we too may be forgiven.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, at the time of our death, show us some Tajalli¹²⁷ of Yours, such that our souls come dancing towards You.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, at the time of our death, let the Kalima¹²⁸ ‘La-ilaaha Illallaah’ be on our tongues¹²⁹.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, we seek Your protection from the fitnahs of this world, the fitnahs of the Qabr and the fitnahs of Jahannum.

¹²⁴ *Jannatul Baqi* : Graveyard of Madina Shareef.

¹²⁵ *muqaddar* : fate

¹²⁶ *barkat* : blessing

¹²⁷ *Tajalli* : Special Mercy

¹²⁸ *Kalima* : Declaration of the Oneness of Allah Ta’ala

¹²⁹ It is stated in a Hadeeth that **he, whose final speech is ‘La- ilaaha Illallaah’ [There is none worthy of worship except Allah], will enter Jannah [Paradise].**

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, let us cross the Pul-siraat¹³⁰ at the speed of lightening.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, grant us Jannat without any reckoning.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, enter us into Jannat in the company of Rasulullah (ﷺ), the Sahaba-e-Kiraam and all the righteous ones who followed them.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, grant all those who have passed away Your Forgiveness and fill their graves with Noor.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, bless our parents, wives, children, brothers and sisters and all Muslims who have passed away, with Jannatul Firdaus¹³¹.

DU`AA OF RASULULLAH (ﷺ)

- ◆ **O MY BELOVED ALLAH**, Nabi (ﷺ) made Du`aa for the Ummah his entire life.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, especially in Hajjatul Widaa¹³²...with his 124 000 glorious companions...

¹³⁰ *pul-siraat* : The bridge across the fire of Hell.

¹³¹ *Jannatul Firdaus* : The highest level of Paradise.

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, how much Your Beloved Nabi (ﷺ) cried; that sinless Nabi...

O ALLAH, for whom did he cry? ...His Ihraam¹³³ became wet with his tears...

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, the Duas he made when attached to the Multazam¹³⁴, the Duas he made in the Hateem¹³⁵, the Duas that he made under the Meezaabur Rahmah¹³⁶, the Duas he made after performing Salaah behind the Maqaam-e-Ibraheem¹³⁷...

O MY ALLAH, the Duas he made after drinking Zam Zam¹³⁸, the Duas which he made on Safa and Marwa¹³⁹, the Duas he made at Arafat¹⁴⁰ –

¹³² *Hajjatul Widaa* : The Farewell Hajj (of Rasulullah (ﷺ))

¹³³ *Ihraam*: Reference to Rasulullah's (ﷺ) clothing, consisting of two sheets, worn with the *niyyah* (intention) of Hajj.

¹³⁴ *Multazam*: Area between the elevated door and the Black stone.

¹³⁵ *Hateem*: Semi circle enclosure, which is part of the Ka'bah Shareef

¹³⁶ *Meezaabur Rahmah*: Waterspout of the Ka'bah Sharief, in the Hateem area

¹³⁷ *Maqaam-e-Ibraheem*: Place where the stone on which Hazrat Ibraheem (AS) stood, when building the Ka'bah Shareef, is kept.

¹³⁸ *Zam-Zam* : Sacred water from a well near the Ka'bah in Makkah Mukarramah.

¹³⁹ *Safa and Marwa*: Two hills adjoining the Ka'bah in Makkah Mukarramah

¹⁴⁰ *Arafat* : A specific place visited during the Pilgrimage.

from Zuhr¹⁴¹ till Maghrib¹⁴², then the Duas that he made at Mina and Muzdalifa¹⁴³...

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, all the Duas of goodness, which he made for us, bless us with that goodness, bless our parents with that goodness, bless our wives and children with that goodness, bless the entire Ummah with that goodness.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, protect us, our wives, children and families and the entire Ummah of Nabi (ﷺ), from all the fitnahs, mischief and corruption he asked protection from – especially the fitnah of Dajjaal¹⁴⁴.

SERVICES RENDERED FOR DEEN

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, accept all the works of Deen; accept all the works of Haq.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, whosoever is doing the work of Deen, as long as it is within the parametres of the Qur'aan and Sunnah... O Allah, bless each and

¹⁴¹ *Zuhr* : Prayer performed after the sun has passed the meridian.

¹⁴² *Maghrib* : Prayer performed immediately after sunset.

¹⁴³ *Mina and Muzdalifa*: Specific places to visit during the Pilgrimage.

¹⁴⁴ *Dajjaal* : the False Messiah, otherwise called 'the Anti-Christ'

every worker with Ikhlaas and accept their services to Deen.

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, accept the effort of Tabligh¹⁴⁵, of Da`wah, of the Madaaris¹⁴⁶, Makaatib¹⁴⁷, Daarul Uloom¹⁴⁸, Masaajid, and Khanqas¹⁴⁹.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, accept the efforts made by the Mashaa`ik¹⁵⁰.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, accept the services to humanity of those who are rendering welfare.

SPIRITUAL BOUNTIES

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, change the condition of our hearts. Fill our hearts with Noor; fill our hearts with the Love of this Deen.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, fill our hearts with the Noor of Taqwa; fill our hearts with the Noor of the Tilawat of the Qur`aan Shareef, of Zikr and Ibaadat, of Hajj

¹⁴⁵ *Tabligh* : propagation

¹⁴⁶ *Madaaris* : Religious institutions.

¹⁴⁷ *Makaatib* : Primary madaaris

¹⁴⁸ *Daarul Uloom* : Religious Institutions for higher learning

¹⁴⁹ *Khanqa* : Place for reformation and spiritual purification.

¹⁵⁰ *Mashaa`ik* : Spiritual mentors and guides.

and 'Umrah¹⁵¹, of Da'wah and Tabligh and of charities.

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, give us the Taufeeq of doing all Ibaadaat with Ikhlaas¹⁵².
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, with the Noor that is generated from these Ibaadaat, light up our hearts.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, strengthen our Imaan.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, grant us such Imaan, which clings to our hearts.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, make us all pious and righteous.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, grant us Your Qurb¹⁵³.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, with Your power of Jazb¹⁵⁴ make us Yours.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, we want the hearts that You give to the Auliya-e-Siddiqeen¹⁵⁵.

¹⁵¹ *'Umrah* : The lesser pilgrimage

¹⁵² *Ikhlaas* : sincerity

¹⁵³ *Qurb* : proximity

¹⁵⁴ *Jazb* : Pull towards Allah Ta'ala

¹⁵⁵ *Auliya-e-Siddiqeen*: Friends of Allah Ta'ala of a very high calibre

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, bless us with the ni'mat that You give to Your Auliya-e-Siddiqeen.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, we want those hearts which are filled with Noor and Your Tajalli.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, we want those hearts which are filled with Your Love and the Love of Rasulullah (ﷺ); so that it may be easy to do that which is pleasing to You and pleasing to Rasulullah (ﷺ).

CONCLUSION OF DU`AA

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, we are extremely weak. We get tired of everything, even asking.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, bless us with what we have asked and give us even that which we have not asked – whatever is khayr¹⁵⁶.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, let the winds of Hidayat blow throughout the world, especially in this country.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, whatever time of life remains, give us the Taufeeq of doing those deeds that will earn

¹⁵⁶ *khayr* : good

us Your Pleasure and keep us away from all those deeds that will earn us Your Displeasure.

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, we know that the types of sins we indulge in, had brought complete destruction to the nations of the past. You destroyed nations in the past for the same sins we are indulging in.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, You do not destroy the entire Ummah because Your Beloved Rasul (ﷺ) is *Rahmatul-lil-'Aalameen*.
- ◆ **O MY BELOVED ALLAH**, do not look at our sins. We are acknowledging and we are confessing that we are sinful...
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, look at the tears of my beloved Rasul (ﷺ).
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, look at the shaan¹⁵⁷ of the blood of my beloved Nabi (ﷺ) which flowed for this Ummah.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, if You forgive us, then You will make my beloved Rasul (ﷺ) happy, and we will be happy.

- ◆ **O ALLAH**, we are pledging not to return to sins.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, give us all, lives of respect.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, give us the realization that without turning to You, there will be no success.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, whoever has shown any kind of generosity and kindness to us, bless them with the best of rewards.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, Rasulullah (ﷺ) has shown the greatest kindness, thereafter the Sahaba-e-Kiraam, the Tabi`een¹⁵⁸, our Asaatiza¹⁵⁹, our Mashaa`ik, our parents, wives, friends... O Allah, reward them all, with the best of rewards.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, You are well aware of each and every person's desires. Whatever good desires are in their hearts, fulfill them.
- ◆ **O ALLAH**, accept our Du'aa with the waseela of Your Beloved Rasul, Sayyidul Ambiyaa, Muhammad (ﷺ).

¹⁵⁷ *shaan* : condition / status

¹⁵⁸ *Tabi`een*: Successors of the Companions of Rasulullah (ﷺ).

¹⁵⁹ *Asaatiza* : teachers

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ ۖ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا صَلُّوا
عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا ۝

**“VERILY, ALLAH AND HIS ANGELS SEND BLESSINGS ON
THE PROPHET : O YOU WHO BELIEVE, SEND (YOU)
BLESSINGS ON HIM AND SALUTE HIM WITH ALL
RESPECT.”¹⁶⁰**

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَىٰ اٰلِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ
وَبَارِكْ وَسَلِّمْ

**O ALLAH, SHOWER YOUR MERCY UPON OUR MASTER,
MUHAMMAD AND UPON THE FAMILY OF OUR MASTER,
MUHAMMAD, AND BLESSINGS AND PEACE (UPON HIM).**

سُبْحَنَ رَبِّكَ رَبِّ الْعِزَّةِ عَمَّا يَصِفُونَ ۖ
وَسَلَّمَ عَلَى الْمُرْسَلِينَ ۖ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ۝

**“GLORY TO YOUR LORD, THE LORD OF HONOUR AND
POWER. (HE IS FREE) FROM WHAT THEY ASCRIBE (TO
HIM). AND PEACE ON THE APOSTLES. AND PRAISE TO
ALLAH, THE LORD AND CHERISHER OF THE WORLDS.”¹⁶¹**

¹⁶⁰ Surah Ahzaab 33 : 56

¹⁶¹ Surah Saffaat 37 : 180/ 181/ 182

THE ACCEPTANCE OF DU'AA

وَقَالَ رَبُّكُمْ ادْعُونِي أَسْتَجِبْ لَكُمْ ط

**“AND YOUR LORD SAYS : CALL ON ME;
I WILL ANSWER YOUR (DU'AA)...”**

[Surah Mu`min 40 : 60]

One of the signs of gaining the *Ma'rifah* (Recognition) of Allah Ta'ala is to be granted the *Taufeeq* of Du'aa.

Duas made sincerely, fulfilling the necessary conditions, are always accepted. However, Allah Ta'ala, in His Wisdom, answers Duas in different ways.

Nabi (ﷺ) said: *“Any Muslim who makes a Dua and his Dua does not contain a request for anything sinful or anything regarding the severance of family ties, Allah grants him one of three things most assuredly; namely,*

- 1.) *What he has asked is granted immediately, or*
- 2.) *What he has asked is saved for him as a treasure in the Aakhirah, or*

3.) *Allah wards away some calamity from him
in lieu of the object asked for."*

...A person should therefore not feel that his or her
Dua's are rejected.

[HAZRAT MAULANA YUNUS PATEL SAHEB (RA)]

DUA AND THE CORRECT EFFORT

BY HAZRAT MAULANA YUNUS PATEL SAHEB (RA)

A person wants to go to Johannesburg but he sits in a train or a plane bound for Cape Town, fully aware that the train or plane is headed for Cape Town. He then makes Du'aa that Allah Ta'ala takes him to Johannesburg. He will not reach Johannesburg.

THE LINE OF HIS DU'AA WAS NOT IN LINE WITH HIS EFFORT.

Similarly, our tongues are making Du'aa in one direction and our entire bodies are going in the opposite direction. And then we ask as to why our Duas are not answered...

AS AN EXAMPLE: There are so many parents who request Du'aa from the pious, for the *Hidayat* (guidance) of their children. They complain that their children are disobedient and abusive, or involved in illicit relationships, drugs, alcohol, and all kinds of Haraam. These parents say that they, themselves, are making so much of Du'aa and shedding so many tears over the condition of their children, and they request

more Du'aa, because there is no change and improvement in their children.

However, a cursory glance in their homes, and one will find that those same parents, who are making so much of Du'aa and shedding so many tears, are the ones providing so much of Haraam – in the form of the television, music, Haraam video games, indecent, shameless newspapers, magazines and novels, easy access to the Internet porn sites, etc. – all of which introduce and influence to *Fisq* (sin) and *Fujur* (immorality).

Adding to this, many of these parents are the personal chauffeurs of their children: willingly taking them to the cinemas, theatres, to parties and other places of fitnah.

Rasulullah (ﷺ) said: **‘Every child is born in a natural state of goodness. It is his parents who make him into a Jew, Christian or Magian¹⁶².’**

...It is left for us to see what we have made our children.

¹⁶² *Magian* : fire worshipper

Furthermore, these children are allowed to do as they please. Sometimes there is no concern as to whose company they keep, which then becomes another means of their destruction – persuading them to do drugs, take alcohol, visit prostitutes, gamble, steal, etc.

Nabi (ﷺ) said: **“A person is on the Deen (way of life) of his friend so every one of you should look at who he befriends.”**

So together with Du'aa, it is also the responsibility of parents to provide an Islamic environment which facilitates obedience to Allah Ta'ala. It is also their duty to protect their children from all avenues of evil, to direct their children to good and pious company, and prevent them from bad company.

Allah Ta'ala tells us :

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا قُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ وَأَهْلِيكُمْ نَارًا وَقُودُهَا النَّاسُ وَالْحِجَارَةُ

**“O PEOPLE OF IMAAN, SAVE YOURSELVES AND YOUR FAMILIES
FROM A FIRE WHOSE FUEL IS MEN AND STONES...”**

[SURAH AT-TAHREEM 66 : 6]

It is an injunction of the Qur'aan Shareef that we make a very concerted effort to guide our children to the obedience of Allah Ta'ala, setting the example ourselves.

With teaching them *Aqaa-id*¹⁶³, *Qur'aan*, *Fiqh*¹⁶⁴, the *Sunnah*¹⁶⁵ and other necessary tenets of Islam which form their *Tarbiyyah* (the correct upbringing) accompanied with Du'aa, *Insha-Allah*¹⁶⁶, this will be the means of their *Hidayat* (guidance) and *Istiqamat* (steadfastness).

In the *Tafseer* (commentary) of this *Ayat* (verse), Hazrat Ali (رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ) had stated: "*Teach your family acts of virtue.*"

Rasulullah (ﷺ) said: **"Each one of you is a shepherd and is responsible for his flock...A man is a ruler in his family, and he will be questioned about those under his care. A woman is a ruler in the house of her husband and she will be questioned about those under her care..."**

¹⁶³ *Aqaa'id* : Correct beliefs

¹⁶⁴ *Fiqh* : Jurisprudence

¹⁶⁵ *Sunnah*: The way of life and practices of Rasulullah (ﷺ) and his noble companions (RA).

Reflecting over all of these aspects, such parents should question the sincerity of their Du'aa. **Where is the correct effort that should accompany their Duas and tears?**

Hazrat Maulana 'Umar (Rahmatullah 'alayh) of Palanpur, in India, used to say that we have a small piece of flesh known as the tongue; which is making Du'aa... a great deal of time is sometimes spent in Du'aa; but the entire body, which is by far, weightier than that little tongue, is going in a very different direction; sometimes the completely opposite direction. ...How then does a person expect his Duas to be answered?

May Allah Ta'ala grant us the understanding and the ability to make the correct effort that should accompany our Duas.

NON ACCEPTANCE...

Hazrat Abu Hurairah (رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ) reported that Rasulullah (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) said:

“Certainly Allah is Pure. He does not accept but pure, and certainly Allah commanded the Believers to do that which He commanded the Messengers (of Allah) to do. So He said:

يَا أَيُّهَا الرُّسُلُ كُلُوا مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ وَاعْمَلُوا صَالِحًا ط

‘O MESSENGERS, EAT OUT OF THE GOOD (HALAAL AND WHOLESOME) THINGS AND PERFORM RIGHTEOUS DEEDS.’¹⁶⁷

and similarly Allah Ta’ala said :

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُلُوا مِنْ طَيِّبَاتِ مَا رَزَقْنَاكُمْ

‘O YOU WHO BELIEVE, EAT OUT OF THE GOOD THINGS WE HAVE GIVEN YOU.’¹⁶⁸

Then he (Rasulullah (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ)) mentioned a person who undertakes a long journey, his hair is dishevelled, and his body covered with dust. He raises his hands towards the sky and says: ‘O my

¹⁶⁷ Surah Mu`minoos 23 : 51

¹⁶⁸ Surah Baqarah 2 : 172

*Sustainer, O my Sustainer', whereas the food that he eats is Haraam (from unlawful earnings); the clothes he wears is Haraam; and he has been nourished with Haraam (food). How then will his Du'aa be accepted?"*¹⁶⁹

Rasulullah (ﷺ) said: ***"The meat and blood that has been nourished with Haraam wealth will not enter Jannah. It is only suitable for Jahannum (hellfire)."***¹⁷⁰

- If a person *sincerely* repents from Haraam; returning what was usurped, repaying that which is rightfully due, giving up that which draws Haraam income (gambling, interest, embezzlement, etc.), and giving up Haraam food and drink, then his Duas will thereafter be accepted and he will gain salvation from Jahannum. Insha-Allah.

[EXTRACT FROM 'Kicking the Habit'
BY HAZRAT MAULANA YUNUS PATEL SAHEB (RA)]

¹⁶⁹ Sahih Muslim

¹⁷⁰ Abu Nuaim, Bayhaqi

THE NAMES OF ALLAH

وَلِلَّهِ الْأَسْمَاءُ الْحُسْنَىٰ فَادْعُوهُ بِهَا ۖ

**“THE MOST BEAUTIFUL NAMES BELONG TO ALLAH:
SO CALL ON HIM BY THEM...”**

[SURAH AL A’RAAF 7 : 180]

قُلِ ادْعُوا اللَّهَ أَوْ ادْعُوا الرَّحْمَنَ ۖ أَيًّا مَا تَدْعُوا فَلَهُ الْأَسْمَاءُ الْحُسْنَىٰ ۚ

**“SAY : ‘CALL UPON ALLAH, OR CALL UPON RAHMAAN :
BY WHATEVER NAME YOU CALL UPON HIM, (IT IS WELL): FOR
TO HIM BELONG THE MOST BEAUTIFUL NAMES ...”**

[SURAH AL-ISRAA 17 : 110]

- ◆ We have been instructed to learn the *Asmaa’ul Husna* (The Beautiful Names of Allah Ta’ala) and make Du’aa through the medium of these names. Calling upon Allah Ta’ala by His Names facilitates the acceptance of Du’aa.
- ◆ Rasulullah (ﷺ) once heard a person calling Allah by this Great name of His :

يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ

O POSSESSOR OF MAJESTY AND BENEVOLENCE

Rasulullah (ﷺ) remarked: ***“Surely your Duas will be granted. Ask of Allah whatever you wish.”***

- ◆ According to one Hadeeth, an angel is appointed by Allah Ta’ala so that whenever someone says the following words thrice, he (the angel) responds by saying: *‘No doubt, The Most Merciful has focussed all His attention towards you. Ask of Him whatever you please.’* ...These words are :

يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

O MOST MERCIFUL OF ALL THOSE WHO SHOW MERCY

THE 99 NAMES OF ALLAH TA'ALA

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ				
In the name of Allah, Most Compassionate, Most Merciful				
هُوَ اللَّهُ الَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ				
Allah is He besides whom none is worthy of worship				
الرَّحْمَنُ	الرَّحِيمُ	الْمَلِكُ	الْقُدُّوسُ	السَّلَامُ
The Compassionate	The Most Merciful	The Sovereign	Free from Blemishes	The Giver of Peace
الْمُؤْمِنُ	الْمُهَيِّمُ	الْعَزِيزُ	الْجَبَّارُ	الْمُتَكَبِّرُ
Giver of Peace	Giver of Protection	The Mighty	Overpowering Lord	The Self Glorious
الْخَالِقُ	الْبَارِئُ	الْمُصَوِّرُ	الْغَفَّارُ	الْقَهَّارُ
The Creator	The Giver of Life	Fashioner of shapes	Most Forgiving	Almighty Lord
الْوَهَّابُ	الرَّزَّاقُ	الْفَتَّاحُ	الْعَلِيمُ	الْقَابِضُ
Giver of all things	The Sustainer	Remover of Difficulties	The All Knowing	The Straitener
الْبَاسِطُ	الْخَافِضُ	الرَّافِعُ	الْمُعِزُّ	الْمُذِلُّ
Extender of Rizq	One who Humbles	The Exalter	Giver of Honour	Giver of Disgrace
السَّمِيعُ	الْبَصِيرُ	الْحَكَمُ	الْعَدْلُ	اللطيف
The All-Hearing	The All-Seeing	The Judge	The Just	Knower of Secrets
الْخَبِيرُ	الْحَلِيمُ	الْعَظِيمُ	الْغَفُورُ	الشَّكُورُ
The Aware	The Clement	The Grand	The All Forgiving	The Grateful
الْعَلِيُّ	الْكَبِيرُ	الْحَفِيفُ	الْمُقِيتُ	الْحَسِيبُ
The High	The Great	The Protector	Controller of things	The Reckoner
الْجَلِيلُ	الْكَرِيمُ	الرَّقِيبُ	الْمُجِيبُ	الْوَاسِعُ
The Majestic	The Benevolent	The Caretaker	Responder to Du'as	The Ample-Giving

الْحَقُّ The True	الشَّهِيدُ The Omnipresent	الْبَاعِثُ The Resurrector	الْمَجِيدُ Most Venerable	الْوَدُودُ Most Loving	الْحَكِيمُ The Wise
الْمُحْصِي The One Who records	الْحَمِيدُ The Praiseworthy	الْوَلِيُّ The Patron	الْمُتِينُ The Firm	الْقَوِيُّ The Powerful	الْوَكِيلُ One in Charge
الْقَيُّومُ Self-Subsisting	الْحَيُّ Ever living	الْمُمِيتُ Giver of Death	الْمُحْيِي Giver of Life	الْمُعِيدُ One with power to Recreate	الْمُبْدِئُ The Originator
الْقَادِرُ The One with authority	الضَّمَدُ Free from Want	الْوَاحِدُ الْأَحَدُ The One Unequalled		الْمَاجِدُ The Excellent	الْوَاكِدُ The Inventor
الظَّاهِرُ The Manifest	الْآخِرُ The Last	الْأَوَّلُ The First	الْمُؤَخِّرُ The One Who Retards	الْمُقَدِّمُ One Who causes Advancement	الْمُقْتَدِرُ The One with Full Authority
الْمُنْتَقِمُ The Taker of Retribution	التَّوَّابُ The Oft-returning	الْبَرُّ One who treats with Kindness	الْمُتَعَالَى Above the Creation	الْوَالِي The Authority	الْبَاطِنُ The Hidden
الْجَامِعُ The Assembler	الْمُقْسِطُ The Just	ذُو الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ Possessor of Majesty and Benevolence	مَالِكُ الْمُلْكِ Possessor of Sovereignty	الرَّؤُوفُ The Affectionate	الْعَفُوُّ The Pardoner
النَّافِعُ The Benefactor	الضَّارُّ The Giver of Distress	الْمَانِعُ The Hinderer	الْمُعْطِي The Bestower	الْمُغْنِي The Enricher	الْغَنِيُّ Free from Want
الرَّشِيدُ Lover of Virtue	الْوَارِثُ The Supporter	الْبَاقِي The Eternal	الْبَدِيعُ The Deviser	الْهَادِي Giver of Guidance	النُّورُ The Light
Hazrat Abu Hurairah (RA) has narrated that Rasoolullah (Sallallaahu alayhi Wasallam) said: Allah has 99 names, i.e. one hundred minus one, and whoever learns (memorizes) them will go to Paradise. (Bukhari)					الصَّبُورُ Most Forbearing

DUROOD SHAREEF¹⁷¹

Hazrat Anas (رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ) said: **‘Every Du’aa is prevented from reaching the Court of Allah until the person making Du’aa sends Durood upon Rasulullah (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) and upon the family of Rasulullah (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) (then it reaches the Court of Allah and is accepted).’**

Hazrat ‘Umar (رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ) said: **‘Surely Du’aa remains suspended between the heaven and earth. It does not ascend and nothing is accepted until you send Salawaat upon your Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ).’**

- Any Durood Shareef may be recited for the acceptance of Du’aa. There are numerous found in authentic books of Hadeeth.

¹⁷¹ *Durood Shareef* : Seeking Allah Ta’ala’s blessings upon Rasulullah (صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ).

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى اٰلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى اٰلِ اِبْرٰهِيْمَ

اِنَّكَ حَمِيْدٌ مُّجِيْدٌ،

اَللّٰهُمَّ بَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى اٰلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَى اٰلِ اِبْرٰهِيْمَ

اِنَّكَ حَمِيْدٌ مُّجِيْدٌ

O Allah, shower Your Mercy upon Muhammad and upon the family of Muhammad as You showered Your Mercy upon the family of Ibraheem. Surely, You are The Praiseworthy, The Majestic.

O Allah, send blessings upon Muhammad and upon the family of Muhammad as You had sent blessings upon the family of Ibraheem. Surely, You are The Praiseworthy, The Majestic.

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى اَزْوَاجِهِ وَذُرِّيَّتِهِ كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى اِلِ
اِبْرَاهِيْمَ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى اَزْوَاجِهِ وَذُرِّيَّتِهِ كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَى اِلِ
اِبْرَاهِيْمَ اِنَّكَ حَمِيْدٌ مُّجِيْدٌ

*O Allah, bestow Mercy upon Muhammad and upon his
wives and his progeny as You had bestowed Mercy
upon the family of Ibraheem.*

*And send blessings upon Muhammad and upon
his wives and his progeny as You had sent blessings
upon the family of Ibraheem. Surely, You are
Praiseworthy, The Majestic.*

SOME ETIQUETTES OF DU'AA

- It is preferable to perform a good deed before making Du'aa.
- Be in a state of Taharah (purity).
- Face the Qiblah¹⁷².
- Preferably perform *Salaatul Haajah* before Du'aa.
- Sit in the *Tashahud* position,¹⁷³ as far as possible.
- Praise and glorify Allah Ta'ala before and after Du'aa.
- Recite Durood Shareef upon Nabi (ﷺ).
- Raise both hands whilst making Du'aa.
- The palms should be kept open, leaving a little space between the hands.
- Du'aa should be made with absolute humility – acknowledging one's helplessness.
- Du'aa should be made through the intermediary of Allah Ta'ala's beautiful names.

¹⁷² *Qiblah* : Direction faced when performing the prayer.

¹⁷³ *Tashahud position* : Position assumed when sitting in prayer

- Not to make Du'aa for anything sinful or for the severance of family ties.
- To cry whilst making Du'aa.
- Pass the hands over the face on completion of Du'aa
- Say '*Aameen*' on completion of the Du'aa.
- One's concentration should be in Du'aa.
- Du'aa should be made with conviction of its acceptance and with sincerity.

SINCERE REPENTANCE

BY HAZRAT MAULANA YUNUS PATEL SAHEB (RA)

وَمَنْ يَعْمَلْ سُوءًا أَوْ يَظْلِمْ نَفْسَهُ ثُمَّ يَسْتَغْفِرِ اللَّهَ يَجِدِ اللَّهَ
غَفُورًا رَحِيمًا ۝

**“IF ANYONE DOES EVIL OR WRONGS HIS OWN SOUL, BUT
AFTERWARDS SEEKS ALLAH’S FORGIVENESS, HE WILL FIND ALLAH,
OFT-FORGIVING, MOST MERCIFUL.”**

[SURAH AN-NISAA 4 : 110]

In the Tafseer (commentary) of this Ayah (verse), the Mufasssireen (Commentators of the Qur’aan Shareef) have explained that Allah Ta’ala makes known to us, the recourse of sins : **Taubah** (repentance).

Whatever the sins committed – be they major or minor, violations of the Rights of Allah Ta’ala (Huququllah) or the rights of human beings (Huququl Ibaad), sincere Taubah (repentance) will secure Divine forgiveness.

However, we need to understand that Taubah is not merely a verbal announcement and confession of: *Astaghfirullah* (I seek Allah’s forgiveness). The validity and acceptance of Taubah is dependent on certain accompanying conditions.

The 'Ulama have stated the following 3 necessary segments which complete one's Taubah :

- 1.) Being ashamed and grieved over one's sins.
- 2.) Leaving off the sin **immediately**.
- 3.) Having no intention to commit the sin again.

If, perchance, one finds oneself entangled in sin thereafter, Taubah should be made once more and forgiveness should be sought. ...**Allah Ta'ala forgives all sins.**

Even though Allah Ta'ala is Most Merciful, Forgiving, Kind and Compassionate, we should not lose sight of and forget His punishment for those who are persistent in sin. Often, many continue in their indulgence in sins, presenting the argument that Allah Ta'ala is *Ghafurur - Raheem* (*Most Forgiving, Most Merciful*).

One of the deceptions of shaytaan is that he persuades and encourages a person to sin with this very excuse that Allah Ta'ala is Ghafurur-Raheem. This leads to indifference to the laws of Shariah and even deliberate disobedience.

Therefore, Allah Ta'ala warns us in the Qur'aan Shareef against such an attitude, saying :

وَلَا يَغُرَّتْكُمْ بِاللَّهِ الْغُرُورُ

**“...LET NOT THE DECEIVER (I.E. SHAYTAAN) BEGUILÉ YOU
IN REGARD TO ALLAH.”**

[SURAH LUQMAAN 31 : 33]

...Do not be fooled and misled by shaytaan to commit sins because Allah Ta’ala is *Most Forgiving* and *Most Merciful*.

Allah Ta’ala mentions in Surah *Ta-Ha* :

وَإِنِّي لَغَفَّارٌ لِّمَن تَابَ وَآمَنَ وَعَمِلَ صَالِحًا ثُمَّ اهْتَدَىٰ

**“AND VERILY, I AM INDEED FORGIVING TO HIM WHO REPENTS,
BELIEVES (IN MY ONENESS, AND ASSOCIATES NONE IN WORSHIP
WITH ME) AND DOES RIGHTEOUS (GOOD) DEEDS, AND THEN
REMAINS CONSTANT IN DOING THEM (TILL DEATH).”**

[SURAH TA-HA 20 : 82]

Allah Ta’ala is informing us that His Forgiveness extends to those who make **sincere Taubah** and *Istighfaar*, believe in Allah Ta’ala, do righteous deeds and actions and remain steadfast thereon.

Allah Ta’ala is *Ghafurur-Raheem* for those who are afraid of displeasing Him. However, being human, they accidentally sin.

We should keep in mind, that even though Allah Ta'ala is *Ghafurur-Raheem*, He is also *Muntaqim* – One who takes Retribution. Out of His kindness, Allah Ta'ala gives to us numerous opportunities to make amends and return to His Obedience. If we still persist and insist on sin, and we are bent on disobedience, then His Punishment is something that cannot be escaped.

Allah Ta'ala states in the Qur'aan Shareef :

وَإِنَّ رَبَّكَ لَذُو مَغْفِرَةٍ لِلنَّاسِ عَلَى ظُلْمِهِمْ ۚ وَإِنَّ رَبَّكَ لَشَدِيدُ الْعِقَابِ ۝

**‘...BUT VERILY YOUR LORD IS FULL OF FORGIVENESS FOR
MANKIND FOR THEIR WRONG-DOING. AND VERILY YOUR LORD IS
(ALSO) STRICT IN PUNISHMENT.’**

[SURAH RA'D 13 : 6]

...*Taubah* and *Istighfaar* are like the ointment used for burns, which we keep in our homes. Even though we have a remedy for burns, we will not deliberately burn ourselves.

Furthermore, forgiveness for those sins in respect to people, will have to be secured from those whose rights have been violated and who were wronged.

IMMEDIATE WILAYAT¹⁷⁴

BY HAZRAT MAULANA YUNUS PATEL SAHEB (RA)

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ التَّوَّابِينَ

“... VERILY ALLAH LOVES THOSE WHO REPENT...”

[SURAH BAQARAH 2 : 222]

A young person, after listening to a talk, experienced a revolution in his heart. He asked me: “*With my past, with the sins in my life, how is it possible for me to become a Wali¹⁷⁵ ?*”

I said: “*It is extremely simple. It takes just one minute to become a Wali. Raise your hands and with deep regret and remorse in your heart, shed a few tears and pray to Allah Ta’ala: ‘O Allah, I have wasted my life, but I want to become Your Wali; I want to become Your friend. So forgive all the sins which I have committed since maturity, and grant me the Taufeeq to do that which pleases You in my future life.’*”

*You have immediately become a Wali. Now make an effort towards fulfilling those rights which had been violated. **The effort made indicates to the sincerity of your Taubah.***”

¹⁷⁴ Wilayat : Friendship with Allah Ta’ala

If Salaah and Fasts were missed then *Qaza* must necessarily be made. If *Zakaah*, *Qurbaani* and *Sadaqatul Fitr* were not fulfilled, then such monies must necessarily be paid. The same applies to monies that are owing to people. Pay back to whomsoever, what is due, or ask them to forgive. If not, then that Taubah will not be complete. And if harm and injury was caused to another, his forgiveness should be sought.

If there are a number of outstanding Salaah or fasts due, it is obvious that a person cannot read all the Qazas¹⁷⁶ in one day, or keep all his missed fasts in one day. This will take due time. **However, the intention of the person, to fulfil all dues of Allah Ta'ala and creation, and the effort made in that direction makes the person a friend and beloved of Allah Ta'ala.**

If the person does not make any effort in that direction after Taubah, then this is a clear sign that he was not sincere in his Taubah.

Also, in respect to his future life, every effort should be made not to return to sins.

¹⁷⁵ *Wali* : Friend of Allah Ta'ala

¹⁷⁶ *Qaza* : Religious duty performed after the expiry of its time.

THE AIRPORT

BY HAZRAT MAULANA YUNUS PATEL SAHEB (RA)

At the Johannesburg International Airport¹⁷⁷, some brothers requested that I give them some *nasihah* (advice) before leaving.

I mentioned the following: ‘The Airport itself presents sufficient *Ibrat* (lesson) for a person’s *Islaah* (reformation).

Boards are seen, computer screens inform, and announcements are repeatedly heard of **ARRIVALS** and **DEPARTURES**. We should take lesson from this.

We have ‘*arrived*’. Our scheduled **arrival** to the destination of this world has come to pass. We have journeyed from *Aalame-Arwah*¹⁷⁸ to this transitory world. Our next journey is to ‘*Aalame-Barzakh*’¹⁷⁹.

In this material world, the time of departure is given for the flights that are leaving for various cities and countries. A person can make preparations for travel, accordingly. As is common experience

¹⁷⁷ Now known as OR TAMBO International

¹⁷⁸ *Aalame-Arwah* : The World of Souls

¹⁷⁹ *Aalame-Barzakh* : The period of life after death until the Resurrection

though, flights are generally delayed.

Our departure, to the *Aakhirah* (Hereafter), is scheduled, but absolutely unknown to us. Moreover, this time of departure will not be delayed or cancelled.

حَتَّىٰ إِذَا جَاءَ أَحَدَكُمُ الْمَوْتُ تَوَفَّتْهُ رُسُلُنَا وَهُمْ لَا يُفَرِّطُونَ ۝

“...AT LENGTH WHEN DEATH APPROACHES ONE OF YOU, OUR ANGELS TAKE HIS SOUL AND THEY NEVER FAIL IN THEIR DUTY.”

[SURAH AN`AAM : 6 : 61]

In a couplet that deeply impresses upon the reality of this life, my Shaykh, Hazrat Maulana Hakeem Muhammad Akhtar Saheb (Daamat Barakaatuhum), states:

***Strange is the visa of life;
It can be cancelled at anytime.
The duration of its validity is unknown
And its extension too, impossible***

Therefore, we need to be ever ready for the journey to the Hereafter.

Passengers are either seated in the VIP lounge or in the ordinary waiting area. Whether the person

intends traveling ‘First Class’, ‘Business Class’ or ‘Economy Class’; **all will depart**. Each has a boarding pass in hand. It is just a matter of time before departure.

The Azaan in our right ear, and the Iqaamah in our left ear, were already given at the time of our birth. All that is left is the Janaza Salaah at the time of our death. Just as the time between the Iqaamah and Salaah is negligible – so too is the time span of our lives.

As someone has mentioned: Our life is just like the **‘dash’** between the date of birth and the date of passing away, which is inscribed on many tombstones. Though this ‘dash’ of life is so short, it is such a significant stage in our journey that it either *‘makes’* or *‘breaks’* our Hereafter.

This little dash either delivers a person to Jannah or Jahannum. So before someone mentions the date of our departure, we should convert the ‘dash’ of life to time spent securing provisions for the coming journey.

Then I mentioned that now two new boards are to be

found:

UNDERGROUND PARKING

and

PRAYER ROOM UPSTAIRS

Our '*parking*' too is reserved. ...What then should we do? Before '*departure*' and before being '*parked*' under the ground, we should visit the '*prayer room*' – meaning, that we should bring the submission and servitude found in prayer or Salaah, into our lives. Submit to the One who gave us this life because very soon will we be returning to Him.

وَإِلَى اللَّهِ الْمَصِيرُ ۝

“...AND THE DESTINATION (OF ALL) IS TO ALLAH.”

[SURAH AHZAAB 35 : 18]

In addition, this world is very much like a time-share. The occupants make full use of all facilities during that week or month – the lounge, fridge, stove, furniture, air conditioner and the luxuries of the timeshare. However, they know that they will have to move out as soon as their time expires.

Similarly, we should make use of the bounties of

Allah Ta'ala in this world but we should not give our hearts to this world. ...How can we give our hearts to a world which is so unfaithful? ...The home in which there is excitement and celebration of a wedding is suddenly plunged into grief, sorrow and mourning.

We should keep before us the following Hadeeth of Rasulullah (ﷺ): **'Verily, the world has been created for you and you have been created for the Aakhirah.'**

Preparation for the *Aakhirah* (Hereafter) does not mean that we will be deprived of the good things of this world. Eat, drink, marry, conduct business and do all other activities according to the teachings of the Shariah and Sunnah of Rasulullah (ﷺ). This is all that is required.

May Allah Ta'ala grant us all, death on Imaan, at a time when He is pleased with us.

تَوَفَّنِي مُسْلِمًا وَأَلْحِقْنِي بِالصَّالِحِينَ ○

**"...(O MY LORD) TAKE YOU MY SOUL (AT DEATH) AS ONE
SUBMITTING TO YOUR WILL (AS A MUSLIM), AND UNITE ME
WITH THE RIGHTEOUS."**

[SURAH YUSUF 12 : 101]